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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVISIONING  
AND SERVICE ASSURANCE  
: Preliminary Amendment  
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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, of the specification:

[0001] This application is a continuation of United States patent application  
Serial No. 09/874,535 filed June 5, 2001, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference  
~~is the first application filed for the present invention.~~